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SUBJ: CIVAIR - KOREAN AIR NAVIGATION FACILITIES

REF: (A) SEOUL 1857, (B) STATE 57452

1. THE DIRECTOR, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS DIVISION, KOREAN CIVIL AVIATION BUREAU, TOLD US THAT THE AIR NAVIGATION FACILITIES FEE, WHICH WILL GO INTO EFFECT APRIL 1, WILL BE USED TO AMORTISE A USAID LOAN, WHICH WAS USED TO INSTALL NAVAID FACILITIES FROM 1967 TO 1972. THE FEE WILL ALSO BE USED TO PAY THE UPKEEP AND COSTS OF THE FACILITIES.

2. ACCORDING TO THE DIRECTOR, AND BASED ON PRESENT SCHEDULES, THE FEE WILL YIELD \$1.3 MILLION IN 1977 AND THE MONEY WILL BE USED AS FOLLOWS:

(A) PARTS AND MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT	\$644,065
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(B) OTHER OPERATING COSTS	\$335,262
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(C) WAGES OF PERSONNEL	\$175,379
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(D) LOAN REPAYMENT	\$185,567
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3. THE AID LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4.2 MILLION, OF WHICH \$3.8 MILLION WAS DRAWN DOWN, WAS GRANTED IN 1966 FOR THE PURPOSE OF MODERNIZING NAVAID SYSTEMS IN KOREA. THE LOAN CARRIED A 10 YEAR GRANCE WITH REPAYMENT OVER 30 YEARS. INTEREST DURING THE GRACE WAS 1 PERCENT AND THEREAFTER 2.5 PERCENT. THE FIRST INSTALLMENT ON PRINCIPAL WAS DUE IN NOVEMBER, 1976.

4. THE DIRECTOR TOLD US THAT THE REPAYMENT OF THE LOAN MADE NECESSARY THE IMPOSITION OF THE FEE. HE FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT NO FEES HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN CHARGED BECAUSE OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF KOREAN AIR LINES (KAL). PREVIOUSLY, WE WERE TOLD, KAL WAS NOT FINANCIALLY ABLE TO UNDERTAKE THE BURDEN OF SUCH A FEE, OF WHICH KAL WILL HAVE TO PAY 57 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL COLLECTIONS.

5. AS FOR NEW EQUIPMENT, THE KCAB HAS PROGRAMMED THE FOLLOWING INSTALLATIONS: (A) A TACAN SYSTEM AT PUSAN IN 1977-78; (B) VOR AND DME AT INCHON 1979-80; (C) VOR AT KWANG JU 1979-80; (D) REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING VOR AT ANYANG 1980-81. TOTAL COSTS OF THESE INSTALLATIONS IS ESTIMATED AT \$1 MILLION. IN ADDITION, THE KCAB HAS REQUESTED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE U.S. FAA WITH FEASIBILITY STUDIES OF MODERNIZATION OF NAVAID FACILITIES IN SEVERAL OTHER LOCATIONS IN KOREA.

6. A REPRESENTATIVE OF NORTHWEST AIRLINES MET WITH KCAB OFFICIALS CONCERNING THE FEE AND SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD US THAT THEY WOULD NOT PRESS ANY OBJECTION TO THE FEE.

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